

Essential Energy T.A.F.L.
Committee of Management Meeting

Sunday 13th November 2011.

Held at Wests Diggers Club, Tamworth.

Meeting commenced at 12.12pm.

PRESENT:

Adrian Walsh, Josh McKenzie, Gerry Griffiths, Graham Brown, Max Barwick, Colin Moore, Shane Douglas, Tim Cotter, Rene Bonomo, Matt Woodward.

APOLOGIES:

Graham Nuttall, Shane Murphy, Darrell Benfield, Dave Chapman, Janelle Kimince, Nick Baird.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of previous meeting were circulated.

Moved G. Griffiths that, "the Minutes as circulated be accepted."

Seconded A. Walsh.

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

2.1 2012 draw.

Discussion was had as to where Gunnedah was likely to be positioned for 2012. A final decision was expected the following Friday but a six team competition for 2012 seemed likely. G. Griffiths tabled a further amended six team draw with some discussion following. M. Barwick presented a letter from Grant O'Leary, Muswellbrook President, raising concerns around travel and considerations for the draw. Further action was held over pending advice from Gunnedah.

2.2 Hunter AFL Masters Proposal.

A. Walsh is still to liaise with the Hunter AFL Masters.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A financial report was tabled at the Annual General Meeting immediately prior.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

IN:

AFL NSW/ACT – 2012 coaching courses

Muswellbrook Cats – 2012 draw and travel issues

Muswellbrook Cats – contact with Black Diamond League

M. Barwick spoke further of this letter, which confirmed that the Cats had been approached by the Black Diamond League to move into their new proposed three division competition. This is something to be further worked out at the Cats, with 2013 still an unlikely move but beyond that was something the Club was considering. It was raised that no advice had been received from the Black Diamond League (required by Section 6 of the AFL NSW/ACT Regulations). A. Walsh to make contact with Black Diamond in relation to same.

OUT:

Gunnedah Bulldogs – payment of insurance difference and query lost cheque
Tamworth Kangaroos – notice of fine for uniform breach

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

5.1 Junior Proposal.

C. Moore spoke further of the proposal of a junior competition, with a targeted age of 12 – 16 to run in line with the senior matches.

Moved J. McKenzie that, “Colin Moore be appointed the Junior Coordinator of the Tamworth AFL and Chair of a Sub-Committee, with all Clubs being required to nominate a liaison for that Sub-Committee.”

Seconded G. Griffiths.

CARRIED

5.2 Proposed amendment to By-law 6.1.

Notice of this motion was provided in advance by J. McKenzie

Moved J. McKenzie that, “ the notes relating to By-Law 6.1 be amended to read:

“Competitions with eight or less teams will have a finals series consisting of the top four teams on the premiership ladder in the following format:

Semi final 1: 1 v 2;

Semi final 2: 3 v 4;

Preliminary final: loser SF1 v winner SF2; and

Grand Final: winner SF1 v winner PF.

Competitions with nine or more teams will have a finals series consisting of the top five teams on the premiership ladder in the following format:

Qualifying final: 2 v 3

Elimination final: 4 v 5

Semi final 1: 1 v winner QF

Semi final 2: loser QF v winner EF

Preliminary Final: loser SF1 v winner SF2

Grand final: winner SF1 v winner PF.”

Seconded A. Walsh.

CARRIED

5.3 Proposed changes to Prescribed Penalty System.

Notice of this motion, with an attached amended Prescribed Penalty System, was provided in advance by J. McKenzie.

Moved J. McKenzie that, “the amended Prescribed Penalty system for the Tribunal be adopted”.

Seconded M. Barwick.

Motion DEFEATED by the President’s decisive vote after a final count of 4 for, 4 against and 1 abstaining.

5.4 Omissions in Sporting Pulse entries.

This had been addressed during the Sporting Pulse Coordinator’s Report tabled during the Annual General Meeting held immediately prior.

5.5 Publishing of minutes.

Concerns were raised in relation to the delay in the publishing of minutes from Executive meetings, with Clubs unaware of what had been discussed until some two months later.

5.6 Umpires.

A request was suggested to be forwarding to Clubs in relation to recruitment of further umpires and the Umpire's Coordinator position.

5.7 League name and logo.

It was raised about changing the name of the League from Tamworth to something encompassing the whole region. It was stressed that this was not a new issue and that no simple name that satisfied all had ever been found. It was raised that the League should consider changing its logo to having TAMWORTH under the AFL logo as done in other Leagues.

**Next meeting: Wednesday the 7th of December 2011, 7pm, 143 Denison Street, Tamworth.
This is an Executive meeting.**

Meeting closed at 1.24pm.